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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE NIACT 3400

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HOSTILITIES ON CEASE FIRE LINES: E&E SITUATION

REF: STATE 199685

1. LOCAL SITUATION. CITY OF TUNIS QUIET. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TUNISIAN ARMY ON ALERT BUT NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN NOTED. LOCAL PRESS CARRIES GOT STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR EGYPT AND SYRIA. IT EXPRESSES READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND FOR THE "REESTABLISHMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN ITS LEGITIMATE RIGHTS". PRESS ALSO NOTES MEETING OF NOUIRA WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR AND SYRIAN CHARGE IN ORDER EXPRESS SAME SENTIMENTS. MEANWHILE, RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS BOURGUIBA HAS TELEPHONED ASSAD QADDAFI AND BOUMEDIENE, BUT HAS NOT RPT NOT YET TALKED WITH PRES. SADAT.

2. POST ACTIONS. EMBASSY HAS INSTRUCTED AMERICANS TO REMAIN AWAY FROM DOWNTOWN AREA OF TUNIS AND HAS REQUESTED THAT THEY STAY WITHIN RANGE OF EASY COMMUNICATIONS. EMBASSY HAS ALSO REQUESTED AND RECEIVED POLICE GUARD
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AT CHANCERY FRONT GATE, AND IS IN TOUCH WITH SECURITY

AUTHORITIES. MARINES ARE ON FULL ALERT. EMBASSY
CONTEMPLATING MOVE INTO FORMAL STANDFAST SITUATION IN
COURSE OF DAY, DEPENDING UPON DEVELOPMENTS. E&E COMMAND
UNIT HAS BEEN FORMED AND IS REVIEWING STEPS IN CONNECTION
WITH FORMAL STANDFAST ACTION. DURING CALL ON PRESIDENT
BOURGUIBA MORNING OCTOBER 8, ARRANGED PRIOR TO OUTBREAK
OF HOSTILITIES, AMBASSADOR WILL INTER ALIA DISCUSS SECURITY
QUESTION.

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